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To the Supreme Authority of this Nation,  
the Parliament of the Commonwealth  
of England.

*The Humble Petition of the Roman Catholics,*

**T**Has your Petitioners have  
long waited some happy lea-  
sure, when there might be a  
Hearing allowed them of  
their many sad Pressures,  
the Weight whereof hath sunk them so  
ruinously low, That they are utterly disabled  
to discharge their many Debts, make the least  
Provision for their Children, or Releive  
themselves, reduced to extreme necessities.

That even such of your Petitioners, as  
are Sequestered for Delinquency, Have still  
comforted their Sorrows with this Hope, That  
at last they should certainly be received to Mer-  
cy, since the General Votes for Composition  
of the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1648. seem clearly to  
imply them capable thereof, when the Rules  
concerning them should be agreed upon.

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That now the *Wisdom* of the Parliament,  
applying it self to establish the People of  
this Commonwealth in a quiet and settled  
Condition, Your Petitioners take up in hum-  
ble confidence that they alone shall not be ex-  
cluded from so Universal a Benefit.

And therefore humbly pray, That the Laws  
and Proceedings concerning them may  
be taken into Consideration, and such  
Clemency and Compassion used Towards  
them by Composition, or other wise, as in  
the Judgment of this Honorable House  
may consist with the Publick Peace,  
and your Petitioners comfortable living  
in their Native Country.

And they further humbly pray, That it would  
please the Parliament to vouchsafe them  
the Permission of Clearing their Reli-  
gion, from whatsoever may be incon-  
sistent with Government, Which will  
assuredly be done to full satisfaction,  
If there may be a Committee appointed  
by this Honorable House, on whom they  
may have the Priviledge to attend.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

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